



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Discuss and Select Project Nominations for San Joaquin Council of Governments' One Voice Trip

MEETING DATE: January 3, 2007

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director


RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and select project nominations for the San Joaquin Council of Governments' One Voice trip.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG) is developing regional priorities in preparation for the annual "One Voice" trip to Washington, D.C., in April 2007. A letter from SJCOG requesting input from the City of Lodi is attached, along with their evaluation criteria check list.

City staff has identified the following projects for consideration, noting that project readiness as indicated by scope, schedule, budget and matching funds is an issue in some cases. This list is not ranked in any priority or preference. Total project costs (preliminary) are as indicated. The grant request is limited to \$5 million, as noted in the COG evaluation check list.

- Police/Fire Training Facility – This project is described in the attached materials prepared by the Police and Fire Departments. This project has good linkage to the San Joaquin Delta College North County campus project. (\$5.5 million)
- Highway 99/12 Interchange Improvements – The City has completed Phase 1 of this project (signals, relocation of Beckman Road intersection) and has initiated preliminary engineering work on Phase 2 – widening Highway 12 (Kettleman Lane) under Highway 99 and ramp capacity improvements. Funding this project will be an issue and it will likely need to be a combination of Federal, State and Local funds (as would be the case for any major roadway improvement project). (\$44 million)
- Other Highway 99 Interchange Improvements – Ramp/Interchange improvements at Turner Road (\$40 million), Victor Road (Highway 12 East) (\$34 million) and Harney Lane (\$34 million) will all be needed at some point in the future, possibly in conjunction with the North County Delta College campus.
- Lockeford Street Widening – This project is an element of the Central City Rail Safety Project, and right-of-way acquisition from the railroad is in progress. Phase 1 improvement – west of Stockton Street is funded in the capital budget, while Phase 2 – Stockton Street to Cherokee Lane is not. (\$1.9 million)
- Lodi Avenue Improvements – This project is also following up on the Central City Rail Safety Project in that the railroad tracks in the street are no longer in service. While the City can fund a maintenance overlay on the remainder of the street, similar to what was done to cover the tracks, a major rehabilitation and upgrade of the street is not funded in the near future. (\$2.2 million)

APPROVED:

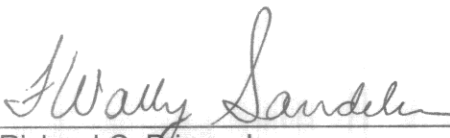

Blair King, City Manager

- Rails to Trails Bike Route – This project follows the route of the Kentucky House rail line that has been abandoned. The alignment would connect the Central City to the proposed Delta Community College campus at the eastern City limits. (\$4.5 million)

Staff also notes that SJCOG is recommending "Neighboring Landowner protection for the San Joaquin Multi-species Habitat Conservation Program" as a regional priority. Since this program is one mechanism to help protect open space and agricultural lands, making this a Lodi priority would be appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.


for Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

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Attachments

October 27, 2006

Mayor Susan Hitchcock
City of Lodi
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241

Dear Mayor Hitchcock:

The San Joaquin Council of Governments is once again putting together a regional list of legislative priorities for the annual San Joaquin One Voice trip to be held April 22 – 27, 2007.

This year we will be following the same SJCOG Board approved process as in 2006; we ask that your jurisdiction submit two projects:

- one regional transportation project; and
- one local project, transportation or otherwise.

Instructions and checklists are included to help in project selection and submission. Keep in mind that we need each section of the appropriations forms answered completely. It is important that we provide detailed information about our projects, particularly the description and local/state contributions that will be applied to the project, as this information is critical when federal funding decisions are being made.

SJCOG staff will be recommending to the Board the following regional projects for the list:

- Arch-Sperry Road Improvement Project
- Neighboring Landowner protection for the San Joaquin Multi-species Habitat Conservation Program

We request that your staff complete the enclosed form and checklists for each project and submit to our office by **January 10, 2007**. Please mail the forms to SJCOG, attn: Susan Filios, 555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202. For an electronic version of the form, checklists and instructions, please request to sfilios@sjcog.org. If you have questions, please call Ms. Filios at 468-3913.

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Please be aware that each local jurisdiction may also endorse projects by a third party organization or non-profit to also be considered by the SJCOG Board for inclusion on the regional list. These projects would need to go before your board or council and be approved prior to submission to the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

Your participation in San Joaquin One Voice is instrumental for our continued success. One Voice strengthens our ability to be heard as a unified delegation at the federal level.

Sincerely,

ANDREW T. CHESLEY
Executive Director

cc: Councilmember Larry Hansen
Mr. Blair King, City Manager

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APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

**Lodi Police/Fire
Public Safety Training Facility**

The appropriations process is intensely competitive, on a national level; completion of a request does not guarantee funding. Additional forms may be required by the Appropriations Committee for all projects.

Organization making request:

City of Lodi
Lodi Police & Fire Department's
221 West Pine Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Contact person(s) in organization:

Blair King, City Manager (209) 333-6700
Jerry Adams, Chief of Police (209) 333-6725
Mike Pretz, Lodi Fire Chief (209) 333-6937

Appropriations Bill/Subcommittee: Homeland Security

Department (if applicable): _____

Agency: _____

Agency subdivision, program, activity, account, through which this project would be funded:

Homeland Security

Project Name: Lodi Public Safety Training Facility

Amount being requested: FY 2007: \$5,500,000.00

Report language being requested (if any): N/A

Amount/policy in President's budget request for FY 2005 / 2006: Not Known

Federal funding history: No funding history for City of Lodi.

Did you make a similar request last year (for FY 2004)? No request made by City of Lodi.

Sources and amounts of matching funds: San Joaquin Delta College will provide approximately \$15,000,000 of bond proceeds approved by voters for land acquisitions.

Project Budget: \$5,500,000

Preparation and construction costs associated with a Police & Fire Training Facility would include: a pistol/rifle range; emergency driving area, emergency ordinance disposal area; an area for training against weapons of mass destruction; classrooms for training Police & Fire Basic Academies.

Relevant authorization law/bill/status: Not Known

Current status of project for which request is made:

Strategic planning: meeting with City staff, Lodi City Council and Delta College staff and trustees.

Background/Justification for this request:

Currently the Lodi Police Department, the Lodi Fire Department and San Joaquin Delta College Police & Fire Training Academy, are lacking sufficient area and facilities to adequately train their personnel in firearms usage, weaponless defense skills, search & rescue operations, emergency vehicle operations, fire apparatus usage, explosives destruction and storage, as well as numerous other training issues.

The purpose of this facility would be to provide a "state-of-the-art" training facility to address those concerns listed above. The facility would provide a safe, full-scale training complex in which to train the members of the Lodi Public Safety community, students of San Joaquin Delta College, plus basic and advanced law enforcement and fire personnel from the region. The complex would also be made available, upon request, to other public safety agencies (State, local and Federal), to continue their essential, and mandatory, training needs. Building the facility would enhance cooperation, and working relationships, between the police and fire department areas. It would also provide lesser equipped agencies the highest quality of training available.

The complex would specifically address the areas of law enforcement and firearms training, fire fighting techniques, emergency vehicle operations, such as police vehicles and motorcycles, fire equipment, rescue vehicles and special operations vehicles. The facility would provide for explosives storage and demolition, canine training, physical fitness training and continuing training for "perishable skills" that require consistent use and education. The facility would be integrated into a larger Jr. College Satellite campus, with a Police and Fire Basic Training Academy.

The goal of this project would be to acquire, and construct, a training facility on forty (40) to eighty (80) acres of land, owned by San Joaquin Delta College. This amount of space would be large enough to address immediate training needs and provide for expanding future requirements of the public safety community. The facility/complex must address all areas of training for the various inter-departmental divisions; i.e., SWAT, Basic Academy, firearms, defensive tactics, driver's training, motorcycle training, canine, weapons of mass destruction, fire investigations, special vehicle operation and explosive related incidents. The construction of the facility would meet the needs of the Delta College Police Academy, the Lodi Police Department, the Lodi Fire Department and any allied agency requesting the opportunity to improve and develop a training program to provide the highest quality of service to the public.

The objectives of the facility/complex are to provide:

1. A "state-of-the-art" facility to benefit all participating members of the City and College.
2. A centrally located training area to outside agencies, in an area close enough to respond for calls for service without unnecessary delays.
3. An area of training remote enough not to conflict with other City functions and operations, and not to disrupt the public.
4. A well rounded training environment to adequately train all personnel in all the areas of training mandates and basic academy requirements.

The description of the facility, during the first phases of construction, would be to provide the following:

1. Several areas specifically designed for specialized training to including a pistol/rifle range and emergency vehicle driving course.
2. A classroom, multi-purpose room and support offices for the police academy.
3. A variety of out buildings to accommodate the needs of the training personnel.
4. An oversized parking lot and adequate fencing, lighting and security features to maintain the integrity of the facility. The oversized parking area will allow for personnel parking as well as driver's training exercises and special vehicle deployment training.
5. The facility would provide for "live-fire" ranges. The ranges would be constructed with the latest technology available to ensure complete safety for personnel being trained, staff and the public. The ranges would provide experience in "real world" scenarios that will better equip public safety personnel in successfully handling those calls for service that require specific, accurate and safe resolution.

The facility will also have an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) site, plus storage for explosive and hazardous components related to EOD investigation and training. The complex will also provide for training and familiarizing personnel with explosives, weapons of mass destruction and mass casualty incidents, while ensuring that student and public safety will be maintained.

The complex, when completed, will provide first responders and the public safety community, with training experience, and location, to adequately respond and successfully handle, calls for service relating to areas of terrorism; whether the threat is suspected or actual. The site selected will provide a centrally located north county area from which to respond, while allowing for a variety of response vehicles and limited aircraft.

From a fire prospective; since the early 1970's the Fire Service has gained increased responsibilities in the areas of emergency medical services, handling of hazardous materials, and technical rescue operations. The recent environment of threats from terrorism has served to multiply these factors. The City of Lodi is intersected by three major transportation routes, including interstate and state highways and the Union Pacific rail line. The community is also strategically located between two major urban port cities: Stockton (eight miles south), and Sacramento (30 miles north). In addition, there are several major air traffic routes to the San Francisco Bay Area that traverse over the region.

There are currently seventeen (17), fire agencies within San Joaquin County. There is only one multi-purpose training facility. It is owned by the Stockton Fire Department and is located behind one of their central fire stations. There is no fire training facility in the north county that can accommodate the multi-company, multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplines, needed to adequately prepare for the communities emergency response needs. This new partnership, with San Joaquin Delta College, would be a tremendous improvement in resolving a difficult situation.

The facility would include a training tower with fire training capabilities. This would address fire training needs, with respect to maintaining skills, and present new training opportunities. Along

with fire training capabilities, the complex would include specific sites that would accommodate training for the Hazardous Material Response Team and the Technical Rescue Team. These teams represent a county-wide membership and would be used in the event of a weapons of mass destruction attack. The site would include training capabilities for a variety of disciplines within each team function.

What other organizations, in California, Washington DC, or nationally, might be expected to support this request?

San Joaquin Delta College (local community college), supports the development of the Public Safety Training Facility with voter approved bond proceeds in excess of \$15,000,000 and is currently in the process of a campus land acquisition in the Lodi area.

The San Joaquin County Police Chief's & Sheriff's Association have voted unanimously to support this project and are committed to providing staff and resources to ensure its success.

The Lodi City Council has endorsed the location of a San Joaquin Delta College Satellite Campus in the Lodi area, to include Police & Fire Training Facilities

What other organizations, in California, Washington DC, or nationally, might be expected to oppose this request?

None

Is this project completely in California's 11th Congressional District? If not what other districts is this project in?

This is completely in the 11th Congressional District.

Other Comments/Misc. information? None